



ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9.

MR. PARNELL has given Mr. Speaker Read a lesson in parliamentary law, the knowledge imparted by which the latter will probably apply when the Force bill shall come back to the U. S. House of Representatives, if the Senate shall pass it. When that bill was in the House before Mr. Reed refused to recognize a democratic chair desired to offer resolutions relating to it. If that came there again, profiting by Mr. Parnell's example, he will probably snatch resolutions from the hands of those who intend to offer them, and tear them up before their eyes. Judging from his previous actions, his failure to resort to such means to attain his object before, is attributed only to the fact that he did not know he had them at his command.

WHEN Mr. Hoar was urging his party friends in the Senate yesterday to adopt a gag law and pass the Force bill on Friday next, he was oppositely reminded by Mr. Gorman that it was only through the movement of the cotton crop from the very section of country aimed at by the bill referred to, that the banks in the North had money enough to pay their depositors. But Mr. Hoar's range of vision extends no further than his nose. His negro policy, by stimulating manufacturing in the South, has seriously injured his own section, and his Force bill, if passed, would injure it still further.

Mrs. OWEN, of Indiana, who is generally regarded as the President's mouthpiece in the U. S. House of Representatives, says Mr. Harrison will not only be a candidate for the next republican Presidential nomination, but will be nominated without any trouble. He does not, however, go so far as to say that Mr. Harrison will be re-elected. If what Mr. Owen says proves true, many prominent republicans will have spasms, and some will rave, among the latter, General Mahone.

THIS is the time when merchants receive and open their Christmas stocks, but nobody will know who are doing so unless they advertise. In every city in the world the most successful merchants are those who pay the largest advertising bills, for while they are cutting or sleeping, or engaged in other pleasure, and at all other times, thousands of other people are reading about the things they have to sell.

IN THE present U. S. House of Representatives there are 187 republican members; in the next one there will be only 87, and of those only 53 will be members who have been re-elected. And yet President Harrison says there must be no step backward. Well, pray some people in mortars and men will be the same still.

IF WHAT Commodore Bateman says be true, no body will blame the President for not inviting Col. Dudley to dine at the White House, for table silver would not be safe with him. The national republican committee must have known their man when they selected the Colonel to do their dirty work.

TO show how the republican administration favors the rich and oppresses the poor, it is only necessary to mention the fact that while it taxes the latter on the necessities of life, it yesterday bought over five million of the bonds of the former at from \$1.22 to \$1.25, the par value of which is only \$1.

THE SEVERAL State republican clubs in Washington have demanded the removal of the few democrats remaining in office, to whose retention they attribute the recent republican defeat. There are none so blind as those who will not see.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9, 1890.  
Senator Hoar told friends to-day that he would insist upon his motion to close debate on the Force bill and that if it shall be defeated he would abandon the bill and let the Senate go on with its other business. Mr. Parnell gave notice in the Senate to-day that unless the Force bill, should be disposed of speedily he will move to let it go by and take up the free silver bill. Mr. Parnell, it may be of interest to know in this respect, is a member of the republican steering committee.

A delegation of Baltimoreans was at the Capitol to-day to urge the commerce committee to report a bill declaring that vessels entering the narrow channel leading to Baltimore, though they can reach that city by the broader waters outside of it, do so at their own peril.

Judge John T. Harris, one of the commissioners of the Chicago's World's Fair from Virginia, was at the Capitol to-day. He says every thing is going on well with the proposed fair, and that it will be a great success.

As the bill for the benefit of the Chesapeake Female College of Elizabeth City, Virginia, was amended in the House it is to go back to the Senate for concurrence.

The bills for public buildings to be considered in the House to-day are only those on the calendar, from for one at Norfolk being the only one from Virginia.

Mr. R. S. Lacey, of Alexandria county, Virginia, was at the Capitol to-day. He says the bill for the retrocession of Alexandria to the District of Columbia is now in the room of the Senate District committee, and that on Thursday next he will endeavor to have the committee appoint a day on which arguments in favor of the bill can be heard. The impression on the subject at the Capitol is that the bill will be no nearer its passage at the end of the session than it is now or ever will be.

Ram C. Allen of Lynchburg, Va., was to-day appointed storekeeper and gauger in the internal revenue service.

Mr. Plumb of Kansas introduced several Farmers' Alliance bills in the Senate to-day. He is not in danger now, but is casting an anchor to windward.

In the House to-day representative Cummings of New York, offered a resolution, directing the Secretary of the Treasury, to report the names of the several banks in which the public money is deposited, and the rate of interest which has been paid to the Treasury, and under what law such deposits were made.

The Senate committee on finance to-day authorized Senator A. C. Dixon to report favorably, and to endeavor to secure speedy action upon the bill passed by the House yesterday, providing for the payment of a rebate upon tobacco in stock.

In the fortifications bill reported in the House to-day \$28,000 was appropriated to improvements at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. There will be a census of republican members of the House this evening to decide upon a post-mortem for the House, the one elected last December having been removed for corruption, and it is probable that there may be some discussion of the reappointment question.

As the Frank apportionment bill does not reduce the congressional delegation from any of the States, it will probably pass. It fixes the number of representatives at 355.  
The nomination of the late Associate Justice Miller's successor is expected to-day. It is rumored that Any. Gen. Miller will be nominated, that Secretary Noble will be nominated for Attorney General, and Col. Clarkson for Secretary of the Interior.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Patriots' ball, the great social event of the New York social season, took place last night at Delmonico's.

Engineer Barker reports that the great Horseshoe Falls of Niagara are receding at the rate of two feet two inches every year.

Owing to the annual mortality in Berlin of consumptives seeking relief from Dr. Koch the hotels have been ordered to be disinfected.

The papal secretary of State, in a letter discussing Cardinal Lavigne's declaration in favor of a republican form of government in France, writes that the Catholic Church is not inimical to any form of government.

Two German doctors who have been sent to experimenting by Prof. Koch's discoveries have found that the blood of rats and mice has a destructive effect on the virus of diphtheria, while the blood of rabbits transfused has a similar effect on tetanus.

The rewards offered for the capture of R. B. Barrow, the train robber, who was killed near Liden, Ala., Oct. 8, have been paid, and there is a prospect of some increasing litigation over them. The rewards aggregate \$75,000 and are worth fighting for.

The excitement over the question of control of the New Hampshire Legislature has broken out again by the discovery that the republicans are now fixing the returns to suit themselves. These returns are in the office of the Secretary of State, in the absolute possession of that partisan official.

The interstate commerce commission has submitted its report. The report says that there is every reason to believe that the provisions of the law, which were intended to preserve uniformity of rates and prevent unjust discrimination, have been very directly disobeyed or evaded in a great number of cases. A number of amendments to the present law are recommended.

The British four-masted ship Buckingham, from Dundee arrived at New York yesterday after a stormy passage and under command of the chief officer, Captain Lyall having been enabled to dash on the second day at sea by the cork, a Leeward, when the captain had repudiated for failing to get the men's meals ready at the proper time.

The Anti-Parnellites marched into the House of Commons to a body yesterday and captured the front seats of the Parnellite section. Timothy Healy took Mr. Parnell's seat, whereupon Justin McCarthy warned him to vacate it. The Anti-Parnellites authorized chairman McCarthy to prepare an address to the Irish people. Parnell will send a representative to the United States to defend his side of the Irish party division.

In Wall street money was tight yesterday, and it was up to 1 percent per day and kept interest, but later it went back to 6 percent. Announcements were made of large gold engagements in London for New York. The Secretary of the Treasury purchased 4 per cent. bonds, for which about \$5,500,000 will be disbursed. He declined to use the \$19,000,000 of fractional currency or subsidiary coin now in the treasury for the purchase of bonds, but will continue the purchase of 4 per cent. to an amount that will make the expenditure \$10,000,000. The purchases of silver bullion were 685,000 ounces at 102 1/2 to 103 1/2.

Congressman Stockbridge yesterday presented in the House a petition from Mrs. Virginia Taylor Lewis, of Baltimore, offering to sell to Congress the dress worn by General George Washington when he surrendered his commission as commander-in-chief of the American army, in the old state house at Annapolis. The Joint Library Committee of the Fiftyeth Congress reported a bill appropriating \$20,000 to purchase the sword. Mrs. Lewis is willing to let Congress fix the price. A bill was introduced in the House by Congressman Loe, of Virginia, for the establishment of a national conservatory of music, to be erected in the District of Columbia.

Congress.

As stated in the GAZETTE the election bill was again before the U. S. Senate yesterday, and Mr. Hoar asked unanimous consent to have Friday next fixed for taking the final vote on the bill. Mr. Gorman entered a vigorous protest against the proposition. In his speech he warned the republicans that they were sacrificing the business interests of the country to their partisan zeal in pressing the force bill and made a strong impression. Mr. Gay concluded his speech against the bill and Mr. Barry, of Arkansas, obtained the floor.

The House passed a number of District of Columbia bills, including the Atkinson railroad bill; prohibiting the granting of liquor licenses within one mile of the Soldiers' Home; regulating the sale of tickets on street railroads, amended by the insertion of a "no seat, no fare" provision, and by providing that eight shall be sold for a quarter; to prevent the spread of scarlet fever and diphtheria; also, a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund so much of the tax collected on tobacco which shall be in the hands of dealers and manufacturers January 1st as was abolished by the recent tariff act. The Speaker laid before the House yesterday a communication stating that there was a deficiency in the pension appropriation amounting to \$34,000,000.

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#### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The failure of Colburn, Channery & Company was announced on the New York stock exchange to-day.

Mr. E. P. Sutter, of the John Ryan Type Foundry, of Baltimore, says that for over a year past efforts have been made by a syndicate of English capitalists to get control of the business in the United States.

A bloody fight between negroes and white men is reported to have taken place near Littleton, Ala., resulting in the death of one white man and seriously wounding another. Two negroes are also reported as wounded but none killed.

The funeral of Joe Coburn, the old-time pugilist, took place this morning from the Church of the Holy Innocent, in New York. It was attended by a large gathering of sporting men. A requiem mass was celebrated by Father Keane. Among the floral devices was one from John L. Sullivan but the big fellow was not present in person.

At Compton, Ala., yesterday James Bartley a farmer, was shot and instantly killed by a woman with whom he had been living as his wife for several years. Bartley had threatened to whip her, when she drew a pistol and shot him through the heart.

The editor of the Memphis Democrat has been indicted by the Federal grand jury for violating the lottery law in publishing the winning numbers held by Memphis people, in the Louisiana lottery.

A manufacturing firm in Chicago, by a process of electrical welding has succeeded in not only welding iron and steel, but also in welding metals which so far have not been successfully united.

United States secret service officers have captured a gang of seven counterfeiters who have been making and passing spurious \$10 bills, their headquarters being at Palestine, Ohio.

A company composed of English and American capitalists, with a capital of \$20,000,000, is negotiating for the purchase of all the type foundries in the United States.

A man named Degan, while at work this morning on the Kansas State House, fell 150 feet, struck an iron cross bar and was instantly killed.

The "Three C's" railroad has passed into the hands of a receiver. It is said the company owes about \$800,000 to contractors and engineers.

The cruiser Newark left Cramp's shipyard, on the Delaware, this morning on her official trial trip.

#### VIRGINIA NEWS.

Delegations from Salem and Roanoke have been told that the B. and O. road will be extended, but no time was named.

Rev. John K. Mason, the newly appointed assistant rector of St. James' Episcopal church, Richmond, filled the pulpit Sunday morning and night.

The Fifth Regiment of Maryland will send the First Regiment of Virginia hand-somely framed resolutions returning formal thanks for hospitality received at the unveiling of the Lee statue.

It is said that the oyster supply at the North is running short. Parties from New York, Wilmington and Philadelphia have been buying large quantities in Accomack county, for northern markets.

The case of L. P. Robertson's administrator vs. Richmond and Danville Railroad Company for damages was tried in Danville Saturday. Mr. Robertson was supervisor of the road, and while traveling on his hand car near Kingsport, in April, 1888, a special train ran into the hand car and killed him. The jury found for the defendant.

The Richmond board of aldermen last night decided to give the Confederate Memorial Literary Society the use of the Jeff Davis mansion for a museum for war relics. This was the White House of the Confederacy, and was occupied by President Jefferson Davis during his residence in Richmond. For several years it has been used as a public school.

The Fairfax Board of Supervisors have awarded a contract for building a bridge over Pohick Run, near Mr. Lee's, to Frank Wooster, Jr., and for building a bridge over the run at Pitman's mill to M. D. Kenney, and for building a bridge at Jackson's mill to C. C. Walters. All bridge bids on bridges over Pohick, near Burke's Station, were rejected, and the committees ordered to re-advertise.

A prominent democratic leader in Virginia expresses it as his opinion that the Farmers' Alliance will make an issue on a railroad law in the legislative campaign of the next year. His idea is that this class of voters will formulate such a bill as they desire to have passed and submit it to the candidates for the Legislature. Each of these will be asked to express himself for or against such a measure.

The work of widening the old Daniel Swamp canal, running from Norfolk to Elizabeth City, N. C., is now going on. The company of northern capitalists who bought the canal from the receiver of the Exchange National Bank last spring are managing the work, and will expend \$500,000 on it. The force now at work numbers 500 men. It will take nearly a year to wind up the job, and then schooners of the largest tonnage will be able to pass through.

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#### The Farmers' Alliance.

The national convention of the Farmers' Alliance finished its business at Omaha, Fla., and adjourned late last night.

The report as to the financial policy contained the following amended demands:

First. We demand the abolition of national banks; we demand that the government shall establish sub-treasuries or depositories in the several States which shall loan money direct to the people at a low rate of interest, not to exceed 2 per cent. per annum on non-perishable farm products and also upon real estate, with proper limitations upon the quantity of land and amount of money; we demand that the amount of the currency medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

Second. We demand that Congress shall pass such laws as shall effectively prevent the dealing in futures on all agricultural and mechanical productions, preserving a stringent system of procedure in trials, such as shall prevent the prosecution of suits and the imposition of such penalties as shall secure the most perfect compliance with the law.

Third. We condemn the silver bill recently passed by Congress, and demand its repeal, and the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Fourth. We demand the passage of a law prohibiting the alienation of land, and that Congress shall prompt action to devise some plan to chain all lands now owned by aliens and foreign syndicates, and that all lands now held by railroad and other corporations in excess of such as is actually used and needed by them be reclaimed by the government and held for local sale only. We demand the doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, we demand that our national legislation shall be so framed in the future as not to build up one industry at the expense of another. We further demand a removal of the existing heavy tariff law from the necessities of life that the poor of our land must have. We further demand a just and equitable system of taxation, and we demand that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all national and State revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered.

Such. We demand the most rigid, honest and just State and national governmental control and supervision of the methods of public communication and transportation, and if this control and supervision do not remove the abuse now existing we demand the government ownership of such means of communication and transportation.

Delegate Carr, of North Carolina, presented a memorial of the National Farmers' Alliance to the Congress of the United States with reference to the Congress last bill now pending.

Some short speeches followed the introduction of the memorial, and then the convention adopted the following resolution and tremendous applause:

"Resolved, That we are opposed to the Congress bill and that we favor the passage of the Padlock pure food bill."

President Hall, of the Missouri Alliance, made a long speech in opposition to the sub-treasury plan in toto. First, it is in violation of the Constitution of the United States; second, it is subversive of and directly opposed to the constitution, principles and demands of our own order; third, it is unjust and inequitable; fourth, it is very extravagant; fifth, it will bring financial ruin to the farmers of our entire country and to all other classes of business; sixth, it will have and is now having the effect of drawing the minds of farmers and other laborers of our country from the greatest curse of the age, class legislation, and, if adopted, will commit us to that principle which will fasten these curses upon us for all time.

Col. Livingston, of Georgia, offered a resolution amending the first section of the demands so that the volume of currency issued shall not be less than \$50 per capita on the entire population, which was agreed to.

The demand of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union were finally adopted by a vote of 79 to 9.

A motion to reconsider the vote by which the Alliance protested against the force bill was tabled by a vote 56 to 32.

A resolution was passed endorsing the sub-treasury bill as now stands in Congress, and calling upon Congress to pass it promptly. As the bill now stands it does not include any of the features on land, but this feature does appear in the formal demands as adopted. This a seeming contradiction, but it is explained to mean that the passage of the present sub-treasury bill would afford partial relief, and later on the land feature would be more easily secured than at present.

Washington was abandoned as the place for holding the next meeting, and the National Legislative Council will decide at its first meeting upon some city, either in Indiana or Illinois.

A resolution was passed urging the establishment of postal savings banks.

The Alliance, it is said, now stands free from party entanglements of any kind and is practically united.

THE BREKIN & FEELY ATTACHEMENT.—The Henry county Bulletin gives the following account of the attachment of the property of Messrs. Brekin & Feely, mentioned in what was made last week in the GAZETTE:

"The mules, carts and other paraphernalia for railroad building, the property of Messrs. Brekin & Feely, contractors on the Roanoke and Southern railway, were levied on Saturday November 29th, to satisfy a judgment in favor of Perrow Bros., sub-contractors, in a damage suit tried at the October term of our Circuit Court. While we do not pretend to pass upon the matter between Brekin & Feely and Perrow Bros., yet it seems a pity that work should be so temporarily stopped unless there had been an effort on the part of Brekin & Feely to remove their effects from the State, and that the friends of Brekin & Feely claim that they have a reserve fund of ten per cent. on all their work on the Roanoke and Southern railroad still in the hands of the construction company—sufficient to pay the Perrow debt, perhaps a dozen times over. We are not interested, however, and will not comment further, except to say that as far as we have heard, Brekin & Feely have been prompt to pay claims against them, and to enjoy the general confidence of those with whom they do business."

Court of Appeals Yesterday.

Universal Life Insurance Company against Davore and als. Appeal allowed to decrease pronounced by the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond, the last on the 2d of January, 1891.

Jones against McGruder. Further argued and submitted.

Washington McLean, the father of John R. McLean, proprietor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, died at his home in Washington last night.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 9.

SENATE.

Communications were presented from the Attorney General in response to resolutions of the Senate calling for information as to voting places and as to election supervisors. The Attorney General states that his department has not the means of supplying the information asked.

A petition was presented from the Wage Workers' Political Alliance of Washington, D. C., asking that no national bank stock holder shall be continued as a member of the committee on finance.

The bill to establish a public farm in each county within the limits of the republic was reported back adversely from the committee on agriculture.

The Farmers' Alliance sub-treasury bill, which were last session referred to the committee on agriculture, were at the request of that committee transferred to the committee on finance as being more properly within the jurisdiction of the latter committee.

The bill appropriating \$20,000 for the erection in the Smithsonian grounds of a statue to Robert Dale Owen, of Indiana, the member of Congress who introduced the bill for the organization of the Smithsonian Institution, was passed.

Mr. Plumb introduced a bill to reduce the amount of U. S. bonds to be required of national banks and to replace their surrendered notes, and to provide for the free coinage of silver. In doing so he gave notice that if the elections bill was not disposed of at an early day he should move to lay it aside for the time being in order that the bill just introduced by him, and all other measures relating to the financial condition of the country should be considered. Something, he said, ought to be done. Congress had on it a responsibility which in his judgment it could not avoid for any great period of time, without letting go by a very great opportunity for helping the country, and one which (in his judgment) would not occur again in a very great many years. If something was not done within the next two or three weeks, it might as well be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. McPherson offered a resolution (which was agreed to) calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a certified copy of the accounts of John I. Davenport, chief supervisor of elections for the southern district of New York, together with reports, correspondence, &c.

The resolution before offered by Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, calling on the Attorney General for a statement of moneys paid by the supervisors of the first and second Congressional districts of Arkansas, was, after a statement by Mr. Jones that he had seen a paragraph to the effect that the supervisor had presented an account for \$6,036, taken up and agreed to.

Mr. Quay offered a resolution (which was referred to the committee on finance) for the amendment of the tariff bill.

On motion of Mr. Hoar as to the election bill was taken up, and Mr. Barry addressed the Senate in opposition to it.

NOTES.

Mr. O'Neill, of Pennsylvania, presented petitions of bankers commission merchants and importers of Philadelphia, praying Congress to amend the tariff act by extending the time from February 1st to July 1st, 1891, for the withdrawal of imported merchandise in bond October 1st, 1890, referred.

The credentials of Thos. J. Geary, as representative-elect from the 1st Congressional district of California, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of J. J. Dahaven were presented and Mr. Geary was sworn in.

Mr. Henderson from the committee on appropriations reported a bill making a deficiency appropriation for public printing and binding.

Mr. Weaver, from the same committee, reported the fortification appropriation bill.

Mr. Latham, of Texas, asked unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of a resolution calling upon the Postmaster General for information relative to complaints of citizens of Texas in consequence of irregularities of the postal service, alleged to be attributable to speculative bidding.

Mr. Disley, of Maine, asked that the resolution be broadened so as to apply to other States and Mr. Latham assented; but Mr. Bingham, of Pennsylvania, objected to the resolution, and it was referred to the committee on post-offices and postroads.

The House then resumed the consideration of the Plumb resolution looking to the removal of the remains of General U. S. Grant to Arlington.

The resolution was defeated—yeas 92, nays 153.

#### The Indians.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Dec. 9.—A band of Indians is camped about ten miles east of the Cheyenne River near the mouth of French creek. They have been raiding deserted ranches, killing and running off stock, burning hay and grain and stealing household goods. Yesterday twenty well armed men left for the Indian camp. They will be joined by a number of ranchmen and if they are not intercepted by the troops will attack the Indians.

MASON CITY, Iowa, Dec. 9.—Seventeen Sioux ghost dancers passed through this city under guard yesterday en route for Fort Snelling, Minn. They were captured last Friday while on their way from Pine Ridge Agency to that of Lower Brule.

GUTHRIE, Dec. 9.—One of the couriers, who arrived here yesterday from El Paso, a small town on the border, states that there are 4,000 Indians in different sections west of that place engaged in the ghost dances, and that they are trading all their possessions and blankets for guns and ammunition. Never before during the present war has the aspect of the Indian Territory looked so serious.

#### Foreign News.

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—Four hundred families on Acaili Island, Ireland, have been reduced to such dire straits by the failure of the potato crop that they are compelled to eat diseased potatoes to keep from